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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS TO TAC MEMBERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Members of the Telecom Advisory Committees (TACs) constituted in various districts of the States have been provided telephone connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The details regarding the TAC members who have been provided telephone connections during the last three years and the current year is given below:

BSNL

Status As on	No. of TAC Members	No. of TAC Members to whom telephone is provided
31.03.2006	5904	5634
31.03.2007	4405	4061
31.03.2008	5296	4873
30.09.2008	6269	5742

MTNL

Year	No. of TAC Members	No. of TAC Members to whom telephone is provided
2005	116	106
2006	116	106

2007 230 204

2008 230 204

(c) The main reasons for delay/non provision of telephones to the TAC members are:-

(i) Consent for acceptance of the TAC members awaited.

(ii) Technical non-feasibility of the area where telephone is required by the TAC member.

(iii) TAC member is not interested in telephone.

(iv) Member is asking for mobile connections, which is not permitted.

(v) TAC has been constituted recently; installation of telephone is under process.

(vi) Outstanding dues exists against some members.